

C H A P.  
XXI.

Sheriffs shall  
discount  
Debts due  
from them  
out of any  
Levies, &c.  
and Notes  
drawn on  
them by pub-  
lic Creditors,  
&c.

Penalty on  
Refusal.

IV. **And** for that several Persons having Tobacco in the Sheriffs Hands, and drawing Notes for the same, sundry Sheriffs frequently refuse to pay or discount the Contents of such Notes, without an Allowance of Ten per Cent, or some other Allowance, as a Reward for paying or discounting their own just Debts, to the great Prejudice of the Public Credit, and of several private Persons; **Be it therefore Enacted**, That the several Sheriffs within this Province, shall be obliged to discount any Debts due from them, or any of them, to any of the Inhabitants of this Province, out of any Public or County Levies, Public Dues or Officers Fees, and to allow and discount the Contents of any Note that shall be drawn, payable or indorsed to any Person being indebted to the Sheriffs on any of the Accounts already mentioned, so far as they shall owe the Drawer of such Note, without any Deduction or Allowance for such Discount, on Pain of forfeiting Two Thousand Pounds of Tobacco for every Offence, one Half thereof to the Lord Proprietary, for the Use of Public Schools, where the Offence shall be committed, the other Half to the Party grieved, or other Person that will sue for the same; to be recovered by Action of Debt, Bill, Plaint or Information, wherein no Effoin, Protection or Wager of Law shall be allowed.

Provido.

V. **Provided** always, That the Sheriff shall not be obliged to discount a Parcel so as to break an entire Hogshead, except where the Parcel shall be due immediately from the Sheriff to the Debtor; any thing in this Act to the contrary notwithstanding.

*Examined and Compared with the Original Act,* REVERDY GHISELIN,  
THOMAS BACON.

C H A P. XXII.

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\* 1706, ch. 11.

A Supplementary ACT to the \* Act for encouraging the making Hemp and Flax within this Province. *Lib. L. N<sup>o</sup> 5. fol. 39.*

Preamble.

**W**HEREAS by the before recited Act, which was made in the Year Seventeen Hundred and Six, all Persons claiming Benefit thereby, were obliged to tender to their Creditors their Hemp and Flax in some Port or Town within this Province, there being at the Time of making the said recited Act, several Towns in every County within this Province: But forasmuch as there are now but few Towns or Ports within this Province, so that by the before recited Act, as it now stands, sundry Inhabitants of several Counties, for want of Towns and Ports, can have no Benefit thereof: To prevent which, and that all Persons may reap the Benefit intended them by the before recited Act,

A Tender of  
Hemp and  
Flax at the  
Creditors  
Dwelling-  
House, &c.  
shall be good  
in Law;

II. **Be it Enacted**, by the Right Honourable the Lord Proprietor, by and with the Advice and Consent of his Lordship's Governor, and the Upper and Lower Houses of Assembly, and the Authority of the same, That all Persons hereafter tendering Hemp and Flax to the Creditors, at the Creditors own Dwelling-Houses, or at the Dwelling-house of the Creditor's Receiver, in case the Creditors do not reside in the same County with their Debtors, shall have the same Benefit and Advantage of the afore-recited Act, as if they had tendered the same to their Creditors in some Port or Town within this Province, according to the Directions of the afore-recited Act; any thing in the said recited Act to the contrary thereof in any wise notwithstanding.

Except Pub-  
lic, County,  
and Clergy's  
Dues.

III. **Provided**, That nothing in this Act shall affect the Public or County Levy, or Forty per Poll due to the Clergy of this Province; any thing in this or the before recited Act to the contrary notwithstanding.

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